MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI : Sir, I am very much beholden to you for the kind permission granted to me for placing before this assembly the motion, put down against my name, for the enthusiastic and unanimous acceptance of the house. The birth of a beloved Prince in the Royal family is an event hailed with unbounded joy throughout the length and breadth of the country and it is a great privilege on this happy occasion, to offer to our gracious Sovereign and the Royal family the humble and loyal felicitations of this Assembly, consisting, as it does, of the accredited representatives of the people of the country.

The history and traditions of our illustrious Royal Family go back to the dim antiquity.— In war and in peace, it has a glorious record of achievement.

Our Maharajas and the members of the Royal House have always been for most in the patronage of learning and the arts and of all that contributes to the advancement of a cultured and contended people. Our Royal House has been famous for the simple dignity of the lives of its members, the charity that knows no bounds, the tolerance of all religions and the ready response of the need and the distress of the people. In the spread of education and enlightment and on the advancement of the eccnomic well-being of the people, our Maharajas and Maharanis have, at all times bestowed the most anxious care and watchfulness. The noble traditions of the Royal House are so well and with such rare distinction maintained and carried forward by immense strides, by the gracious sovereign who reigns over and protects us to day.

We rejoice to-day that God Almighty has blessed our Royal family and our country with the birth of H. H. the Prince Avittam Tirunal. The whole country has thrilled with joy and happiness and there is no greater privilege to us now than to place our most loyal and humble felicitations at the feet of our most gracious Maharaja, the Maharani and the members of the Royal Family. I, therefore, place the following motion for the enthusiastic and unanimous acceptance of this Assembly.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI : I humbly second it.

I request you Sir, that you will be pleased to convey the message to His Highness the Maharaja.

"This Assembly most respectfully tenders its loyal and joyful greetings to His Gracious Highness the Maharaja's Royal nephew, H. H. the Prince Avittam Tirunal and prays the Almighty to vouchsafe His Gracious Highness a long, happy and glorious reign and to shower his choicest blessings on the new born Prince and the Royal family."

PRESIDENT : I take it that the sentiments of the House will necessarily be not only spontaneous and heart-felt but unanimous on this matter. It is a matter of profound gratitude to the Almighty that He should have blessed the Royal Family in this manner. It is a matter which has aroused rejoicing and given pleasure not only here but throughout India and this House will be glad to know that His Magesty the King-Emperor has conveyed his personal congratulations and good wishes to His Highness on this most happy event. I trust there will be no difficulty in passing this motion unanimously. Let us all stand

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The motion was passed unanimously, all the members standing.

SRIMATHI T. NARAYANIAMMA (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:—

"This Assembly tenders its hearty and respectful felicitations to His Highness the Maharaja and her Highness the Maharani Setu Parvati Bai on the Honorary Degree of D. Lit. conferred on Their Highnesses by the Andhra University."

Sir, I do not think that any long speech is needed on my part to commend this motion for the acceptance of this House. The sentiments given expression to in this motion are common to the members of this House and I am only echoing with all the strength that I command the feelings of the members of this House when I move that we do tender our most hearty earnest, and joyful felicitations to His Gracious Highness the Maharaja and to Her Gracious Highness the Maharani on the honour conferred on Their Highnesses by the Andhara University. The honorary degree of D' Litt conferred on Their Highnesses is undoubtedly a great honour but, as has been observed by His Excellency the Governor, and the Premier of Madras, in honouring Their Highnesses the Andhara University has done honour unto herself. And the degree itself gets as much honour and lustre as the recepients from the degree. I think that I am not using the language of exaggeration when I say that there is no Sovereign so young in years has achieved so much and within such a short time as His Highness has done. The accession of His Highness to the throne does indeed mark, in the words of the Andhara University Orator," the dawn of a new era which will expand into a steady splendour of a noon-day sun that will illuminate not merely Travancore but the whole of India with its life-developing light and grace." Any one of the various reforms introduced by His Highness in the course of the last few years is sufficient to show the earnestness and enthusiasm that animate His Highness in promoting the welfare of His subjects and in furthering the interestsof the state. As regards the great epoch-making Temple entry Proclamation—that great act of social liberation, breathing so much of courage conviction and idealism, and in admiring recognition of which the Andhara University has bestowed the Degree of D-Litt on His Highness its effects and implications transcend the limits of Travancore and it has been rightly characterised as the golden charter of human liberties. The other reforms introduced by His Highness for the removal of social and other disabilities and above all the foundation of a University for Travancore have raised the prestige and position of Travancore in a remarkable degree. Indeed each birth day of His Highness brings a new reform for the State and is a mile stone on the road of Travancore's swift and steady progress. The degree conferred on His Highness is therefore an Honour which if I may venture to say so His Highness richly deserves by any one of the many far-reaching reforms introduced since His Highness was invested with ruling powers.

As regards Her Gracious Highness, the Queen Mother, I ask who will not be thrilled and inspired by Her Highness's enthusiasm for reforms, to refer only to one trait of her various qualities of head and heart. Her Highness furnishes a glorious example of refined and

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cultured Indian womanhood. Every person who has had the previlege of having an audience with Her Highness will be impressed by her dignity of bearing, the simplicity of manners and the cultural outlook of Her Highness. Happy indeed is Travancore in possessing a Maharani of rare attaintments a Queen-Mother who has been rightly characterised as the inspirer of her son's noble dreams and the sage counsellor of his great reforms. The degree of D Litt conferred on Her Highness is therefore an honour of which everyone of us feel proud.

Speaking as a woman, I wish to add that we feel honoured and elevated by such a distinction conferred by the Andhara University on such a glorious type of enlightened Indian womanhood. May their Highnesses live long and be the recipients of many more of such honours ! With these words I move the motion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the Benarese Hindu University has not also conferred an honorary degree on Her Highness the Maharani ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. As a matter of historical fact, I may say that the Benarese Hindu University has conferred a degree on Her Highness the Maharani and is going to confer a degree on His Highnes the Maharaja. But the actual degree has not been handed over. That is why when another amendment came to me I kept it out for the time being.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI: I humbly second the motion.

SRIMATHI DEVAKI ANTHARJANAM: സർ, വഞ്ചിരാജ്യവാസികൾക്ക് ഇതിൽ പരം അത്യാനന്ദപ്രദമായ ഒരു സന്ദർഭം ഇനിവരാനില്ല. അതു അവരുടെ വലിയ ഭാഗധേയമാണ്. മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിനും അമ്മ മഹാറാണി തിരുമനസ്സിനും ഡിലിറ്റ് എന്ന ബിരുദം ലഭിച്ചതിൽ എല്ലാ ജനങ്ങളും ആഹ്ലാദചിത്തരായിതീർന്നിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ വഞ്ചിരാജ്യവാസികളെ ആനന്ദസാഗരത്തിൽ ആറാടിക്കുന്ന അവിട്ടം തിരുനാൾ കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനിയുടെ തിരുവവതാരം ശ്രവിക്കുകയും രാജ്യം ഒട്ടുക്ക് മീറിംഗുകൂടി ജനങ്ങൾ അവരുടെ ഹൃദയാഹ്ലാദത്തെ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കുകയും കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനിയുടെ ആയുരാരോഗ്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ നടത്തിവരികയും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിലേക്കു ഈ ഹൗസിനുള്ള ഹൃദയംഗമമായ ആനന്ദപ്രകടനത്തെ വെളിപ്പെടുത്തിയതു് വളരെ ഉചിതമായി തന്നെയിരിക്കുന്നു. രാജകുടുംബത്തോടുള്ള ഭക്തിയും അവിട്ടംതിരുനാൾ കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനിയുടെ അവതാരത്തിലുള്ള ആനന്ദവും.—

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

SRIMATHI DEVAKI ANTHARJANAM: മഹാരാജാവു് തിരുമനസ്സിനും അമ്മ മഹാറാണി തിരുമേനിയ്ക്കും ഡിലിറ്റു് എന്ന ബഹുമതി ലഭിച്ചതിൽ ഈ ഹൗസിനുള്ള സന്തോഷത്തെ പ്രദർശിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാൻ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

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PRESIDENT: In associating myself with this vote I have only to add that the Andhra University is proposing to celebrate this occasion by associating itself with the work of our University by an endowment made by that University. When that comes these two Universities will be interlinked in further ties of amity and co-operation. Having said that I now put the proposition to the vote and we shall carry it standing.

The motion was carried *nem con* all the members standing.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

LAND REVENUE AND INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT.

MR. K. GEORGE: I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4230 under "Land Revenue and Income Tax".

Sir, this grant may be considered in two parts. Out of this sum, a sum of Rs. 2,735 is intended for the expenditure on the establishment and contingencies of the Income Tax Adviser whose services are to be retained for a further period of six months. The balance of the amount is intended for the reorganisation of the Income Tax Department. It consists of the appointment of an auditor on Rs. 75—100 for 5 months and the creation of a third Income-Tax collector on a salary of Rs. 150 to 200 and for his establishment, Travelling Allowance and contingencies.

Sir, when the Income Tax Regulation was introduced into Travancore in 1093 it generally followed the British India Act. Later on, in British India the Act was amended and consolidated in 1922 and at the same time a separate and independent staff, a self-contained department was created for income tax work.

In Travancore the administration is vested entirely in the Land Revenue Department. Government considered that this argument was not entirely satisfactory. As a first step towards the improvement of the working of income tax, Government created in the year 1934 two officers called Income Tax Collectors and put them in charge of the four Municipal Towns of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon and Alleppey, two for each office. The Income Tax Collector of Trivandrum is placed in charge of the Municipal Towns of Nagercoil and Trivandrum and the Collector of Alleppey is in charge of the Municipal Towns of Quilon and Alleppey. The experiment which Government then started has proved immensely successful. At the time of the budget last year, I submitted to Government proposals for increasing the staff of independent collectors from two four so that more intensive to work might be done and better Revenue secured for the Government. After this proposal was submitted, Government carefully considered the whole matter and came to the conclusion that it was very desirable that the whole question of income tax assessment should be examined by an expert from

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